improved, thanks to the work done on the draining of marshes by the Jewish National Fund and the Government.

The soil is ruined by centuries of irrational cultivation.

Irrigation on a large scale is possible in the coastal plain, but quite recently water has been found also in many other districts, in the deeper strata, which opens up new possibilities for agriculture. The Arab fellahin, frugal, skilled, and hard-working, produce vegetables, eggs, and poultry at low prices, and are formidable competitors for the Jewish colonists. These, with their European standard of life, can assert themselves only by engaging in different branches of production, by making capital investments, and by developing more intensive forms of agriculture which result in a more profitable type of economy.

Against these handicaps, Palestinian colonization, when compared with colonization in other countries, has only one, but a supremely important, advantage—the national enthusiasm of the settlers, which enables them more easily to overcome difficulties. By their labour they mean to lay the foundations of the Jewish National Home which, they hope, will send a new current of life through world-Jewry.

Deprived of this hope, colonization in Palestine would become senseless; but as the result depends not on numbers alone, but also on the mental and moral level of the Jewish

settlers, spiritual factors, such as do not enter into Jewish colonization in other countries, play a decisive part, *e.g.* the Hebrew language, the ethical standards of the settlers, their understanding of Judaism, etc. Colonization in Palestine and the new Jewish colonization in Soviet Russia, though similar in technical and economic matters, differ fundamentally in their social, cultural, and national contents. Colonization in the Ukraine and the Crimea—to say nothing of the incipient colonization in Biro-Bidjan—is meant to provide a basis of existence for 20,000-30,000 Jewish families in Russia; colonization in Palestine is an attempt to form a national centre with a Jewish culture